

SKSR Retreat Foundation House, August 20, 2015--9am – 1pm Corrected 9/10/15

Attendees: Cheryl Bauer, Coordinator; Roberta Hawkins, Vice President; Jan Phillips, secretary; Donna Murrish, Treasurer; Barbara Berg, Bruce Caldwell, Jo Caldwell, Linda Fitzgerald, Evie Nordeen, Rita Requa, Erma Snook

President Cheryl Bauer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The minutes for both the Executive Board meeting of June 29, 2015 and the General Meeting (Picnic) for July 15 were approved as amended.

Cheryl handed out the new additions to the school retiree's booklet and then went over them. There were changes to the calendar for Bulletin folding. Bruce commented that the earlier they receive Bulletin articles the easier it makes putting the Bulletin together.

Donna handed out the budget proposal and went over both the proposed budget and year end budget. We discussed how the Bulletin cost may change. Our liability Insurance expires October 19 and a question was raised as to whether it covers the storage unit. The rent item only covers the park for the picnic as the storage unit has its own line. Sunshine costs should probably go up. The carry-over is directly related to the bank statement. With the dues increase we are receiving \$24 per member per year.

Legislative Report – Rita gave a report and it is attached.

Picnic Report—Erma gave a report and it is attached.

Benefits Fair—Jim sent a report and needs signups for both Edmonds and Shoreline. We have a need for a new door prize as in the past they were the entertainment books. It was moved and seconded that we purchase 2 \$25 gift cards to bookstores. The motion passed. Jim will need to purchase. A suggestion was made that local bookstores be used.

Grants – Virg sent a report. Applications will be due the 1st Thursday in November. Information regarding this will be sent to the active members.

Membership – Erma handed out copies of forms; one is for the active membership and another is for a retired teacher. Both forms require social security numbers so need to be handled with the greatest of diligence.

Sunshine – Evie reported that she sent 52 cards this last year. Barb Bumgardner makes most the cards. She sent out cards on: May 15 a caring card to Joan Hertrich; on May 15 a caring card to Donna Murrish; May26 a sympathy card to Arlene Christensen in memory of Corky; June 15 a sympathy card to the family of George A Nelson; July 2 a sympathy card to the family of Walt Wolfe; July 6 a thank you card to Dave and Marlene Johnson for years of service on the SKSR Newsletter; a caring card to Joan Hertrich; and August 4 a sympathy card to family of Merald Leenknecht.

Scholarship – Linda gave a report and it is attached. They ask for recipient transcripts in March. Then they ask for a final transcript for the year. There was discussion about this because of the cost factor for official transcripts. Linda and Keith will bring a rewrite of Section 3 Article II of the Winnie Smith Foundation for Executive Board consideration on this matter.

October Luncheon – Jim suggested that we pay for the luncheon. He will try to get a person from AMBA to discuss the benefits of that organization. The luncheon will be held October 15 at Le Bistro.

Winnie Smith finances—as of July 31 it contained \$165,393. Five years ago it started with \$160,000.

CD—Donna reported that our \$30,000 CD is now due and we have until the end of the month to decide what to do. Erma moved that we transfer the \$30,000 maturing CD from the bank to Edward Jones as a Scholarship reserve with intent of a conservative investment or CD. Seconded and passed.

Bulletins – Jo and Bruce asked that articles be sent no later than 8 am of the due date. Send a copy of the article to both Cheryl and Bruce. They said that pictures are good fillers.

Outreach – Barb reported that the NW1 rep is now Linda Averill. Barb will remain as our unit's rep.

New Display Boards – Jim suggested that we use some of the additional monies coming in from the dues increase to purchase 2 new boards. It was so moved and passed.

New line item in budget. It was moved and passed that we set aside \$2,000 as a line item for a reserve fund budget.

The budget approval was tabled until the next meeting to help deal with the income generated by the dues increase. Office supplies, luncheon supplies, paying for lunches for members, paying for a possible wine tasting event were some of the items suggested for the budget. Programs for next year were also discussed. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned so that we could have lunch.

Respectfully submitted.

Jan Phillips, Secretary